

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 8-11, 13-16, and 22-28 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 1, 13, 14, and 22 have been amended, claims 5-7, 12, and 17-21 have been cancelled, and new claims 27 and 28 have been added. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

In the above-mentioned office action, claims 1-4, 8-13, 17-20 and 22-26 are rejected under USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the Matthews (5432510) and claims 14-16 and 21 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matthews (5432510) in view of Pallakoff (2002/0163504). Claims 5-7 were acknowledged by the Examiner as allowable but objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. To further clarify aspect of the invention, claims 1 and 22 are amended to incorporate recitations of claims 5, claim 13 is amended to incorporate recitations of claims 7, claim 27 is added which incorporates recitations of claim 6, and claim 28 is added which incorporates recitations of claim 7.

Remaining dependent claims

Dependent claims 2-4 and 8-11 which include all the recitations of the parent claim 1 believed to be in condition of allowance. Dependent claims 14-16 and 23-26 which include all the recitations of the parent claim 13 and 22, respectively, are believed to be in condition of allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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